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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Masayuki IMADA, et al.

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For: DISK REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND DISK REPRODUCING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 18, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 23, delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 6, line 7, delete "or 2".

Claim 7, line 12, delete "or 2".

Claim 8, line 20, delete "or 2".

Claim 13, lines 22 and 23, delete "any of claims 1 to 8", and insert --claim 1--.